

RANCHO HIQUERA HISTORICAL PARK  
47300 Rancho Higuera Road  
Fremont  
Alameda County  
California

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Location: 47300 Rancho Higuera Road, Fremont, Alameda County, CA  
Lat: 37.49187 Long: -121.90614

Significance: This site is culturally significant because of its association with Fulgencio Higuera a descendent of Jose Higuera who came to California on the de Anza expedition. The original adobe home was constructed in 1840.

History: This 9534 acre land grant was made to Fulgencio Higuera by Governor Alvarado, Mexico in 1838. On April 17, 1858 Fulgencia Higuera filed a land claim #PLC 136. Previously the land was owned by Antonio Sunol Higuera. It was known as Aqua Caliente or "Hot Water". Fulgencio was the son of Jose Higuera who came to California with the deAnza Expedition of 1776. Jose was appointed Mayordomeo of Mission San Jose in 1822. The site is at the foot of Mission Peak in the Warm Springs area of Fremont, California and includes a reconstructed and furnished adobe residence. The adobe is located adjacent to a ravine vegetated with native riparian trees and shrubs including *Sycamore racemosa*, *Quercus agricola*, and *Umbellularia californica*.

A large fig tree, *Ficus carica*, planted near the adobe remains. The land immediately surrounding the adobe consists of grass covered rolling hills with panoramic views of the valley below.

Sources: City of Fremont website, [www.ci.fremont.ca.us](http://www.ci.fremont.ca.us)

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HABS/HAER/HALS Website, <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/hhh.ca0004>

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Figure 1. Higuera Rancho with adobe home, ravine on the left and fig tree on the right (Chris Pattillo, January 1, 2009).

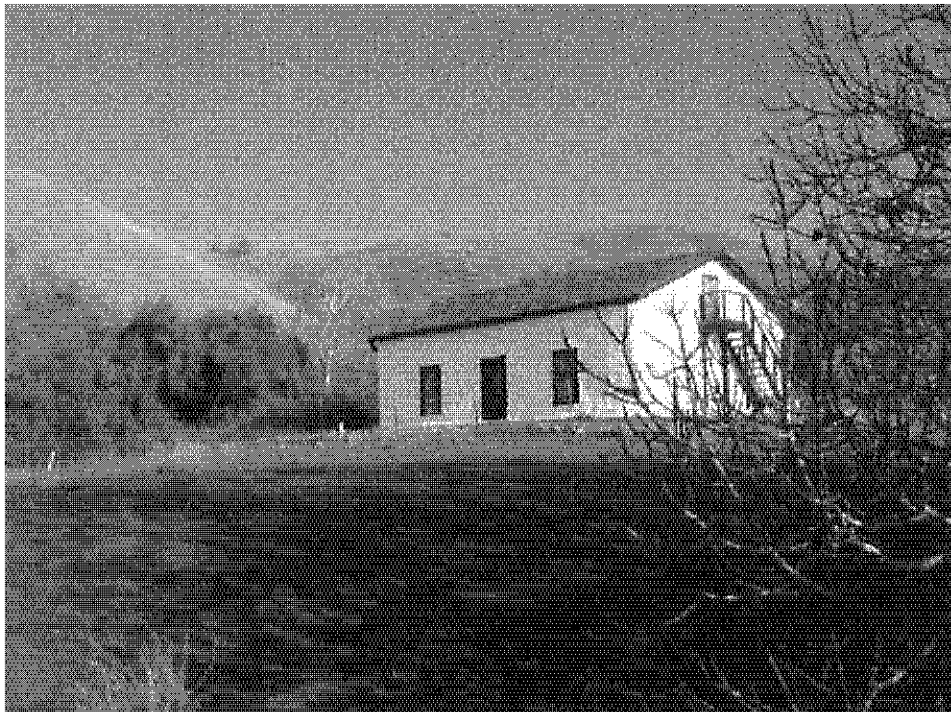


Figure 2. Close of Higuera adobe and native vegetation (Chris Pattillo, January 1, 2009).